

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

By this Amendment, independent Claims 11 and 29 have been amended to clarify that the copy is an independent copy and that the independent copy includes a table specifying at least one parent of the independent copy and all ascendants of the independent copy, if any. Support for these amendments can at least be found on pages 12 and 13 of the specification as well as Fig. 10.

Applicants would like to thank Examiners Roche and Chaki for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Jason Vick, during the July 13, 2005 Personal Interview. During the Personal Interview the independent claims were discussed and it was clarified that the copy of the tree is independent in nature. Furthermore, it was discussed that Timbol does not teach or suggest this independent nature but rather describes traditional instantiation.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of the independent claims. Claims 11 and 29 are therefore allowable over the reference of record and the claims that depend therefrom also allowable by virtue of this dependency and the additional feature(s) recited therein. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-906522) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in

connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

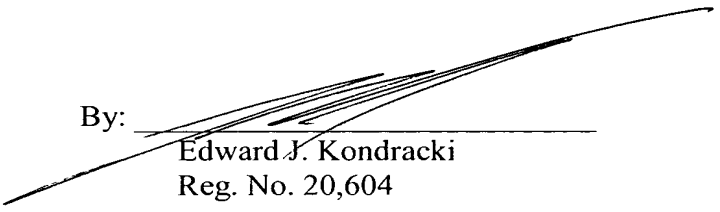
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